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CRITICISM OF SOCIAL DISPARITIES IN ALBANIA

Discentent with the Communist system is growing not only because of the accourse applied by government organizations and the lack of individual liberty but because of the economic treatment of the blue-coller and the white-coller

At present, the following wages are being paid to Albanian workers: Aucording to his category, a manual worker receives 72, 84, 86, 92, or 120 leks per day, while specialists receive 117, 141, 171, or up to 202 leks per day. The last figure is the pay of a top tochnician.

The pay of a major is 4,500 leks per month, while a general has no fixed pay. But the general receives free of charge abundant fool and other items which the Soviets and members of the Communist government have at their disposal. Ministers, generals, and a few others form a privileged class from every viewpoint and constitute the aristocracy of the Red regime. They receive an absolute of the products handled by cooperatives, especially agricultural produce such as butter, oil, and honey, which are delivered to their houses. Their children are taken to kindergarten in automobiles and have governesses. Only ministers and members of the Polithuro of the Central Committee have the right to keep servants.

When one adds to these disperities between workers and the upper hierarchy the fact that the workers are arbitrarily assigned to jobs and that promotions are ascorded for reasons other than merit, one need not wonder at the impatience of the people.

Total monthly expenditures for the family of an Albanian office employee consisting of five members amount to 8,167.50 leks. Honthly pay comes to 3,200 loks, leaving a deficit of 4,967.50 leks. To meet this deficit, an employee must sell whatever he possesses to escape starvation.

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